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November 4, 2019

To Whom it May Concern,

Northeastern University's School of Social Justice and Health Equity is interested in the state's prescription monitoring program, the OR PDMP. Specifically, we want to learn more about law enforcement access to the database, the use of an algorithm that produces a risk assessment score to analyze its contents, and the data access and retention rules governing the system. We understand the algorithm was produced by the corporation Appriss Health. In order to permit the public to understand how the Oregon Health Authority is using the OR PDMP and how it impacts public health and civil liberties in Oregon, Northeastern University's Health in Justice Action Lab is making this request under the Oregon Public Records Law § 192.410 et seq., for the following records:

1. Any and all memoranda of understanding between the Oregon Health Authority and any outside entity regarding the OR PDMP.
2. Any and all records including information about the algorithm that determines risk scores in the OR PDMP, including but not limited to its source code, developer documentation, and operator manuals;
3. Any and all research, technical reports, or internal audits that define and/or evaluate the OR PDMP effectiveness or performance;
4. Any record showing the number of patients in the OR PDMP by quarter and year (2006-present);

Because this request involves a matter of public concern and because it is made on behalf of a nonprofit organization, we ask that you waive any fees. If you decide not to waive fees, we request that you permit us to examine, at our election, the responsive documents before deciding which portions to transmit. We prefer the documents in electronic format. Should you determine that some portion of the documents requested are exempt from disclosure, please release any reasonably segregable portions that are not exempt. In addition, please note the applicable statutory exemption and explain why it applies to the redacted portions. As you know, a custodian of public records shall comply with a request within ten days after receipt.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

I look forward to receiving your response to this request within ten days.

Sincerely,

Sarah Seymour

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